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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Task Force on the Prevention and Elimination of~~ **State Council on Cancer**
3 ~~Control - Cervical Cancer~~ **Committee of the Maryland Comprehensive**
4 **Cancer Control Plan**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing a ~~Task Force on the Prevention and Elimination of~~
6 ~~Cervical Cancer~~ **Committee of the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control**
7 **Plan**; ~~providing for the composition, chairman, vice chairman, and staff of the~~
8 ~~Task Force; authorizing the chairman of the Task Force to establish certain~~
9 ~~committees and make certain appointments to certain committees; providing~~
10 ~~that members of the Task Force may not receive compensation, but may be~~
11 ~~reimbursed for certain expenses~~ **requiring the Department of Health and**
12 **Mental Hygiene to staff the Committee**; providing for the duties of the ~~Task~~
13 ~~Force~~ **Committee**; ~~requiring the Task Force to submit an annual report~~
14 **Committee to present certain findings and recommendations to the Governor**
15 ~~and to the General Assembly on or before certain dates; providing for the~~
16 ~~termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on the~~
17 ~~Prevention and Elimination of Cervical Cancer~~ **Committee of the Maryland**
18 **Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan.**

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That:

1 (a) There is a Task Force on the Prevention and Elimination of Cervical
2 Cancer Committee of the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan.

3 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

4 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
5 the Senate;

6 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
7 the House;

8 (3) two officers of the Women Legislators of Maryland, one to be
9 appointed by the President of the Senate and one to be appointed by the Speaker of
10 the House;

11 (4) the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services of the Department of
12 Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Deputy Secretary's designee;

13 (5) the Deputy Secretary for Health Care Financing of the Department of
14 Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Deputy Secretary's designee;

15 (6) the Director of the Center for Cancer Surveillance and Control in the
16 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;

17 (7) the Chairperson of the State Council on Cancer Control; and

18 (8) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

19 (i) one physician who is a member of the American College of
20 Obstetrics and Gynecology;

21 (ii) one physician who is a member of the American Academy of
22 Family Physicians;

23 (iii) one physician who is an oncologist and represents the American
24 Cancer Society;

25 (iv) one registered nurse;

26 (v) one representative of a women's health organization;

27 (vi) one representative of the American Academy of Pediatrics;

28 (vii) one representative of the health insurance industry;

29 (viii) one teacher;

30 (ix) one representative of a local newspaper, television, or radio
31 station; and

1 (x) two members of the public, one of whom shall be a cervical
2 cancer survivor.

3 (e) The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Task Force.

4 (d) The Task Force shall elect a vice chairman from among its members.

5 (e) (b) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide staff for
6 the Task Force Committee.

7 (f) The Chairman of the Task Force may:

8 (1) establish committees for the purpose of completing the duties of the
9 Task Force; and

10 (2) appoint individuals who are not members of the Task Force to serve
11 on each committee.

12 (g) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on
13 the Task Force, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
14 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

15 (h) (c) The Task Force Committee shall:

16 (1) be briefed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on the
17 prevalence and burden of cervical cancer in the State;

18 (2) in collaboration with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
19 and the State Council on Cancer Control, promote public awareness on the causes and
20 nature of cervical cancer, personal risk factors, the value of prevention, early
21 detection, options for testing, treatment costs, new technology, medical care
22 reimbursement, and physician education;

23 (3) identify and examine the limitations of existing programs, services,
24 laws, and regulations with respect to:

25 (i) cervical cancer awareness; and

26 (ii) the availability of health insurance coverage and public services
27 for the diagnosis and treatment of cervical cancer;

28 (4) develop a statewide comprehensive Cervical Cancer Prevention Plan
29 and strategies for plan implementation and public promotion of the plan;

30 (5) facilitate coordination and communication among State and local
31 agencies and organizations regarding achieving the goals of the Cervical Cancer
32 Prevention Plan developed by the Task Force Committee;

33 (6) receive public testimony from individuals, local health departments,
34 community-based organizations, and other public and private organizations to gather
35 input on these individuals' and organizations':

1 (i) contributions to cervical cancer prevention, diagnosis, and
2 treatment; and

3 (ii) ideas for improving cervical cancer prevention, diagnosis, and
4 treatment in the State.

5 (†) (d) The ~~Task Force~~ Committee shall present ~~an~~ in the annual report ~~on~~
6 of the State Council on Cancer Control its findings and recommendations to the
7 Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the
8 General Assembly, on or before October 1 of each year beginning October 1, 2004.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That to the extent practicable,
10 appointments to the ~~Task Force~~ Cervical Cancer Committee of the Maryland
11 Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan shall be made to ensure regional, economic,
12 ethnic, and gender diversity on the ~~Task Force~~ Committee.

13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 July 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June
15 30, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
16 abrogated and of no further force and effect.